

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager  
Letter to Commission No. 196-2004

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To: Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

Date: July 27, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

A handwritten signature of Jorge M. Gonzalez.

Subject: **Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee Recommendations  
Agenda Item R7D dated July 28, 2004**

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The Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee has submitted a recommendation in regards to the request to be heard on the July 28, 2004, Commission Meeting requesting to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the existing Library at 2100 Collins Avenue and the restoration of the Rotunda.

The Committee has recommended that the Commission appropriate funds for the demolition, that the demolition not take place until January 16, 2005, that the site remains in a stable condition for the sake of the emerging neighborhood, and until after the third annual Miami Beach Art Basel event and the National Foundation of the Arts tribute to Mikhail Baryshnikov on January 15, 2005.

In addition, the Committee also requested that in the event that the old library is vacated by October 2004, that the necessary resources be appropriated to protect and secure the vacated library building until January 2005.

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C: Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager

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May 24, 2004

**TO:** Mayor David Dermer  
City Commissioners

**FROM:** Nancy Liebman, Chair  
Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee

**SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET LIBRARY**

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

The Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee urges you to approve the demolition of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street library and the preservation of the Rotunda structure as recommended by the Historic Preservation Board on May 11, 2004.

In addition, we request the following:

1. That the Commission appropriate funds for the demolition, but that the demolition not take place until January 16, 2005 in order to insure that the site remains in stable condition for the sake of the emerging neighborhood, and until after the Third Annual Miami Beach Art Basel and the National Foundation of the Arts tribute to Mikhael Baryshnikov on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. That the Commission, in anticipation that the old library will be vacated by October, appropriate the necessary resources to protect and secure the vacated library building until the January demolition and accommodates the use of the building by Art Basel in December.

The Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee appreciates your approval of these measures and looks forward to celebrating the vibrant new Cultural Center and restored historic Collins Park.

Sincerely,

Nancy Liebman, Chair

On behalf of the Collins Park Cultural Center Oversight Committee